MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether during the work in connection with Kodayar Project, this contingency of the reservoir not holding sufficient water to feed both the R. B. and L. B. channels was brought to the notice of Government?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I do not know Sir. It was brought to notice in time to prevent further expenditure on the Right Bank Channel.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether a supplemental scheme for putting up a dam across the Chittar a tributary to the Kodayar, was considered by Government during the Kodayar Project work?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I am prepared to accept that information.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the Government is prepared to work up that scheme if it is found feasible?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is under consideration.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether that scheme was submitted by an Italian Engineer?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Such a scheme is under consideration.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the date on which the preliminary survey was conducted?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I think it was before 1906, since the expenditure was incurred in that year.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Have the Government accepted the scheme.

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government have abandoned it.

Wages given to artisan employees.

295. ✱MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the wages given to an adult skilled artisan employed in the P. W. or Maramath Department under daily wages system; and

(*b*) the wages given to an adult unskilled labourer employed under the daily wages system in the above departments?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) In the Maramat Department the daily wages given to an adult skilled artisan range from Chs. 24 to Re. 1-7-0 each according to the nature and intricacy of the work; while in the P. W. D. it ranges from Chs. 14 to Re. 1-21-0 per day.

(*b*) The wages of an unskilled labourer in the Maramat Department is Chs. 12 per day and in the P. W. D. it is between 10 and 14 chuckrams per day.

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